

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A protective headguard, comprising overlapped inner and outer layers attached at a pair of diametrically opposed points of attachment so as to permit pivoting of the outer layer relative to the inner layer about a pivot axis extending through these points of attachment, with frictional sliding of at least one area of the outer layer over the inner layer when the outer layer is pivoted about the pivot axis relative to the inner layer.
26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The protective headguard of claim ~~23~~ 25 wherein the protective headguard includes a right half and a left half and the pivot axis extends laterally through both the right half and the left half of the headguard.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The protective headguard of claim ~~23~~ 25 wherein the inner and outer layers are biased towards a standard position relative to one another.